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Dear Sirs:

For what's it's worth, here is my 2 cents about the proposed breakup...DON'T!!!

In the 1930's and 40's, the U.S. Government prohibited Motorola from entering the land-line based communications industry by connecting to it with its radio-based systems, thus protecting AT&T. Think, where would all of our technology be today if the government had not interfered and had let the Free Market work its magic?

Today, we have the most successful software provider in the world facing a government action. When will bureaucrats learn that they cannot make proper decisions when it comes to market forces - no matter if they, the bureaucrats, are pro-competition or pro-monopoly? Stay out of business and market decisions...LAISSEZ-FAIRE.

Technology, especially, moves extremely quickly and no one, repeat, no one can stop that from happening.

Let's get on with the business of ADVANCING civilization, not retarding it.

Hey, get out there and read WEALTH OF NATIONS, ATLAS SHRUGGED, and WIZARD: THE STORY OF NICHOLA TESLA. Then, let your mind work and see how narrow the viewpoints of bureaucrats generally are and how those viewpoints have damaged mankind's creativity.

As for Mr. Gates...GO, BILL, GO!!!

Sincerely;

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